

Emergency and Protective Services
Office of the General Manager



April 28, 2022

Mr. Steve Bell
Interim Chief of Police
Ottawa Police Service
474 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 2E6

Chief Bell,

Re: Rolling Thunder 2022

The purpose of this correspondence is to follow-up with you and the Ottawa Police Service further to the ongoing coordination between the OPS and City staff in relation to operational plan for the impending Rolling Thunder Ottawa 2022, and related events. This rally, commencing April 29, 2022 is expected to have significant impacts on various areas of the City of Ottawa, in particular, the downtown core and adjacent neighbourhoods.

In light of the information that the City has been provided with respect to the proposed rally, including the intelligence that OPS has shared with staff, the City remains of the view that the use of vehicles in the Rolling Thunder Ottawa 2022 rally will have significant impacts on the orderly movement of traffic in the City and could pose a serious potential for injury or damage to persons or property. As a result, in addition to traffic measures along the motorcycle route, the City and OPS have jointly agreed on the necessity of restricting vehicular traffic in the designated downtown core area.

We understand that OPS will be implementing traffic management measures to ensure the orderly movement of traffic and to seek to prevent injury or damage to persons or property during this temporary period. We understand this will include direction of traffic and closure of highways as authorized under Section 134 of the *Highway Traffic Act*. I can confirm that you have had and will continue to have the support of City staff in the implementation of these measures.

I thank you for the ongoing operational coordination in relation to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Ayotte", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kim Ayotte
General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services

c.c.: Steve Kanellakos, City Manager
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